1.0 million tonne or 0.6 million tonnes steel plant at the cost of US $ 630 or 730 million (approx.) depending upon the product-mix of the one million tonne capacity steel plant.

(iv) M/s. Srachi Group of Companies has signed a joint venture for setting up a pig iron plant in the State with an annual capacity of 1.3 lakh tonnes at an estimated cost of US $ 25 million.

(v) M/s. Rossette Ferrous Limited has signed an Agreement for setting up a steel plant for an annual capacity of 2.5 lakh tonnes at an estimated cost of US $ 80 million.

(vi) M/s. Refine Industries Limited has signed an Agreement for setting up of a steel plant for an annual capacity of 3 lakh tonnes at an estimated cost of US $ 95 million.

(c) and (d) The iron and steel industry has been exempted from the purview of compulsory licensing. State Government/an entrepreneur wanting to set up an iron or steel unit does not require approval of Government for industrial licence unless the plant is proposed to be located within 25 Kms. from the periphery of the standard urban area limits of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per 1991 census.

Working of public sector as corporate groups

2962. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI G Y. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have chalked out plans to bring public sector undertakings under it to work like a large corporate group thus exploiting each others' strengths ad synergies; and

(b) if so what are the salient features of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) No plan has been drawn up to bring public sector undertakings in the iron and steel sector to work like a large corporate group. However, efforts have been made by the undertakings to identify areas where they could help one another and also cooperate in taking up projects or assignments in various fields.

Steel missing from the stock of IISCO

2963. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel worth lakhs of rupees was found missing from IISCO sometime back;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the missing steel stock at IISCO;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry made by Government into the missing steel stock; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में इस्पात संयंत्र की स्थापना

2964. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित किए जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास लम्बित हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं ;

(ग) इसे स्वीकृति प्रदान करने में हो रहे विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) इस परियोजना को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दिए जाने की संभावना हैं ; और

(ङ) क्या किन्हीं अन्य राज्यों में भी नए इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित किए जा रहे हैं ; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव): (क) से (घ) जुलाई, 1991 में घोषित नई औद्योगिक नीति के अन्तर्गत "लोहा और इस्पात" उद्योग को सरकारी क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित उद्योगों की सूची से निकाल दिया गया है तथा कुछ प्रतिबंधित स्थानों को छोड़कर इसे अनिवार्य लाइसेंसिंग के प्रावधानों से भी छूट दे दी गयी है । इसलिए नये इस्पात संयंत्रों की स्थापना करने के लिए औद्योगिक लाइसेंस की आवश्यकता नहीं हैं । मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए लाइसेंस की मंजूरी हेतु केन्द्र सरकार के पास कोई प्रस्ताव लम्बित नहीं है ।

(ङ) देश के विभिन्न भागों में इस्पात उत्पादन सुविधाएं स्थापित करने के लिए अनेक इकाइयों ने रूचि ली है। इनमें से 8 परियोजनाओं जिनमें 12240 करोड़ रुपये की पूंजी निवेश किया गया है और जिनकी क्षमता 63.9 लाख टन वार्षिक है, का वित्तीय संस्थानों द्वारा मंजूरी प्रदान कर दी गयी है और ये कार्यान्वयन के विभिन्न चरणों में है। इसके अतिरिक्त 11935 करोड़ रुपये के पूंजी निवेश वाली 10 और परियोजनाओं जिनकी क्षमता लगभग 68.4 लाख टन वार्षिक हैं, को वित्तीय संस्थानों को उनके मूल्यांकन हेतु प्रस्तुत किया गया है ।

Bombay Urban Transport Project-II

2965. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank as also the State Government of Maharashtra had proposed that all the comprising suburban railway component related to the Bombay Urban Transport Project (BUTP-II) should be taken up integrally as part of BUTP-II;

(b) if so, whether Government did not agree to this proposal, and if so what are the specific reasons; and

(c) what other sources besides budgetary resources and World Bank assistance have been proposed and identified for financing the BUTP-II?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As studies suggested by the World Bank are still in progress, the Govt. of India have not taken any decision in the matter.

(c) As no final decision has been taken, question does not arise at this stage.

Appointment of OBC candidates in CPWD

2966. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11 candidates belonging to district Alwar, Bharatpur and Dosa (Rajasthan) who are having fake certificates of OBC were declared selected as Khallasi (Elect.) in December, 1994 by the concerned Superintending Engineer (Elect.) Coordination Circle (Elect.) New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some M.Ps had also written to the